#### LOCAL MENTION. AMUSEMENTS TONIGHT.

Bijou Theater .- "Little Trixic."

Columbia Theater.-Neil Burgess in "Odd Miss Podd ' Grand Opera House .- "The Great North-

Ice Palace, 5th and L streets northwest .-Real ice skating. Kernan's Lyceum Theater.-John W. Isham's Octorcons. Lafayette Square Opera House.-"In Gay

New York.' New National Theater.-Caroline Miskel-Hoyt in "A Contented Woman." National Rifles' Armory.-Princeton Glee, Banjo and Mandolin Clubs' Concert.

#### EXCURSIONS TOMORROW.

Steamer Macalester for Mount Vernon and Marshall Hall at 10 a.m. Steamer Washington for Norfolk and Fortress Monroe at 7 p.m. Steamer Harry Randall for Colonial Beach and river landings at 7 a.m.

4 qt. bottles best California Wines, \$1. Best Jamaica and New England Rum, 50c. pint. Old Crow Whisky, 90c. qt. Fine Cook-ing Sherry, \$1.20 gal. Seligson's, 1200 Pa.av. Human Artificial Eyes. Hempler's,6th & av.

GREAT EXCITEMENT! In the West End the reserve force of the third police precinct is taxed to its uttermost in keeping the walks open leading to the Western market, so the great crowds clamcring for admission can purchase their Christmas supplies. The Western market is at the corner of 21st and K streets, and will be open December 24, from 7 a.m. to

For conducting a disorderly house at 1003 8th street southeast, Hillery Warren was today sent to jail for sixty days by Judge

Arbuckle's Coffee, 16½c., at Johnston's.Pg.5 National Cigar Factory is manufacturing cigars for holiday presents. You can save money by buying all class of cigars there. National Plantation Standard, 1011 Pa. ave. Best Pound and Fruit Cake, only 20c. a lb., at Reisinger's, 235 G n.w.

J. G. Reisinger, 255 G st. n.w., is at it again. He is selling Light and Black Fruit Cake and Pound Cake at 26c, lb.; Springe-lers, 25c, lb.

Tree Ornaments. J. Jay Gould's.

Yesterday afternoon Policeman Sweet found a dead infant in the alley near 15th and Samson streets. The body was sent to the police station, and today there was a funeral in potter's field.

Cheon, the best 50-cent Tea in America. Pure American Refined Granulated Sugar, 4½ cts. Seven city stores. C. D. KENNY. Wall Paper, House Painting and Window RICHARD W. HENDERSON,1113 F st.n.w.

### CITY AND DISTRICT.

A Welcome Hollday Gift.

The Saturday Evening Star, sent for on year for one dollar to any out-of-town address, would be a welcome holiday gift for any one who would appreciate the chance to keep in touch with life at the capital.

#### The Late Otis C. Wight.

The memorial service in respect to the memory of the late Otis C. Wright, for the ty-three years a ruling elder in the First Presbyterian Church, was held last night Presbyterian Church, was held last night in the lecture room of that church. Dr. Sunderland was absent owing to sickness. Strong, earnest addresses, speaking in high praise of the influence for good, and the last of the American Federation of Labor, that the lext meeting of the Central Labor Union.

Announcement was made by Mr. S. J. Gompers, a delegate from Columbia Typographical Union, who is a son of President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, that the latter convenients and the lext meeting of the Central Labor Union. departed elder, were made by his col-leagues of the session, Messrs, Dalrymple, Sargent and Lockhart; also by Mr. Leckie, Wm. Ballantyne, Chas. Lyman and others.

To Increase the Amount. Counsel for the United States yesterday

asked Judge Bradley for permission to increase the amount sued for by the government in its suit against M. A. Tappan, P. O. St. Clair and Dennis F. Feely, bonds-men of Francis J. Kieckhoefer, at one time disbursing agent of the Department of State. The bond is \$20,000, and the government claims that it does not cover the sum charged to have been misapplied. The court reserved its decision,

Watch for a town; Congress Heights .--

### G. H. Thomas Post.

G. H. Thomas Post, W. R. C., No. 11, has elected officers as follows: President, Mrs. Matilda Wilkins; first vice president, Mrs. Mary C. Hainen; second vice president, Mrs. Emma C. Littlejohn; chaplain, Mrs. Mamie P. Dorsey: treasurer, Miss Tillie Dunham; conductor, Mrs. Amanda Houchen; guard, Mrs. Eller, F. Birely; delegates to department convention, Mrs. Emma S. Ellis and Mrs. Sarah T. Deloe; alternates, Mrs. Mary W. Thatcher and Mrs. Mamie

## Reduced Rates for the Holidays.

For the Christmas and New Year holidays the B. and O. R. R. will sell round-trip excursion tickets at reduced rates from Philadelphia Connellsville, West Union, Mannington and all intermediate ticket stations for all trains December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, 1897, valid for return passage until January 4, inclusive.—Advt.

## Accident Proves Fatal.

Mrs. Hannah E. Moore, the old lady who fell from her dayton wagon in this city Friday last and was so seriously injured, of which mention was made in The Star of that date, died at the Emergency Hospital Sunday morning at 8 o'clock. She resided on her farm in Prince George's county, Md., and was visiting her daughter in this city at the time of the accident. Her remains were taken to Sandy Spring, her former home, today, to be in-terred in the Friends' burial ground, she having been a member of the Quaker de-nomination. Mrs. Moore, who was a widow, was the mother of six children, who survive her, all of whom live in this city and vicinity; one of the daughters being the wife of A. J. Boyer, the well-known newspapers man of this city. Benjamin Hallowell Moore and Emer E. Moore of this city are her sons. Two of the daughters. Lizzle and Haddle, are unmarried.

## Thursday the Last Day.

Positively the last day to secure a set of that greatest of all reference works, the 'Encyclopaedic Dictionary,' upon payment of \$1 down and \$1.50 per month, at Palais Royal, 11th and G streets.—Advt.

### Veterans' Reunion.

The thirty-fifth anniversary of the engagement at Darnestown was celebrated at the Hotel Johnson last night by thirty survivors of the Pennsylvania Reserves. - It was also the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Reserve Volunteer Association. Capt. J. C. Garther read a sketch history of service done by the reserves during the war, and speeches were made by Gen. John S. McAlmont, Judge W. B. Hammond, J. C. Agnew and Dr. A. B. Jamieson. The Philadelphia Reserve Association participated in the reunion.

#### Holiday Excursion Rates to Points South.

The Pennsylvania ratiroad will sell. December 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, and January 1, good to return until January 4, 1897, holi-day excursion tickets to Fredericksburg. Richmond, Petersburg, Weldon and other points south .- Advt.

Alleged Breach of Contract. Milton Ruby, in a suit filed against Launcelot A. Hartman, claims \$20,000 damages for an alleged breach of contract in the matter of an exchange of 208 acres of land near Woodsboro', Frederick county, Md., for certain real estate in this city. The plaintiff claims that the defendant has failed to keep an agreement to sell the city property for him for \$17,000.

Money to lend at 5 and 6 per cent on real estate. Frank T. Rawlings, 1505 Pa. ave.-

Tree Ornaments, Toys. J. Jay Gould .- Ad.

#### IN LABOR CIRCLES

Academy of Music. - Eugenie Blair in Regular Meeting of the Central Labor Union.

> Talk About the Grievances Between Employers and the Members of Different Unions.

The regular weekly meeting of the Cen tral Labor Union was held last evening, with President Milford Spohn presiding, and Messrs. J. J. Crowley and Jarvis B. Moulden, secretary and assistant secretary, respectively

A communication was read from Secre tary Eichelberger of the Federation of Labor of Maryland, stating that, in response to a request from the Central Labor Union, the former body would do all in its power to secure the employment of union men in the work of building the Columbia and Maryland railroad.

The committee appointed to call on the board of directors of the Consumers' Brewing Company to ascertain why they had discriminated against the members of Painters' Union, No. 170, reported having seen Secretary E. L. Jordan, who stated that he did not regard Painters' Union, No. 170 as legitimes are reconstituted. 170, as a legitimate union organization, and positively refused to employ any of the

members.

A member of the committee stated that the K. of L. element which has been introduced into Painters' Union, No. 170, were largely responsible for the existing state of affairs as they had made assertions to of affairs, as they had made assertions to Mr. Jordan that resulted in his becoming antagonistic to the organization.

The matter of the circulation of a paper The matter of the circulation of a paper providing for the exclusion of members of trades unions from work on the Consumers' brewery, to which reference has here-tofore been made in The Star, was brought to the attention of the Central Labor Union by a delegate, who said that the only person who took an active interest in getting signatures to the paper was a member of the board of directors of the brewing company, and another delegate said that the pany, and another delegate said that the published interview, in which a member of the same board asserted that he had seen the books of the Painters' Union, and by an examination ascertained that only four members were in good standing, was incorrect.

A copy of a bill which will be introduced in Congress at the present session, provid-ing for the copyrighting of all union labels, was indorsed and referred to the legisla-tive committee, with the understanding that the latter will do all in its power to have the bill enacted into law.

It was reported that the electricians em-ployed at the Capitol were working ten and twelve hours daily without extra compensation, but action was deferred until the Electrical Workers' Union, which is making an investigation of the matter, can be heard from on the subject. The secretary gas instructed to commu-

nicate with the proprietor of a theater, with whom there has been pending for some time past dispute concerning wages said to be due some of the mechanics who were at work there, and inform him that a special committee will call on him to-morrow evening in the interest of the men, and that if a satisfactory conclusion is not then reached to inform him that the thea-ter will be placed on the unfair list.

The grievance committee was directed to sumers' brewery and ascertain from them why in view of the manner in which they seem to regard the members of the Central Labor Union the brewery should not be put on the unfair list. The committee was further instructed to report the result of their visit at the next meeting of the

Labor, that the latter organization, as already stated in The Star, had intended to remove their headquarters to Washington. The statement was received with great enthusiasm, and it was predicted that the result would be of in mense benefit to the ause of labor generally throughout the United States.

Credentials were received from the Na-

tional Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters and Operative Plasterers' Union, No. 6814, and the delegates were admitted and obligated. bers of the executive council of the Amer-

ican Federation of Labor will be in the city in a day or two for the purpose of selecting suitable headquarters for the organization. It is understood that efforts will be made to have the visitors examine the advantages of Typographical Temple which many labor leaders believe is in every way adapted for the purposes of the

12-Inch Stock Boards \$1 Per 100 Ft. Libbey & Co., 6th st. and New York ave .-Advertisement.

Our Christmas Gift to You. Rubber plants that should sell for \$1.50 and \$2 have been cut to 75c. and \$1-just half price. A. Gude & Bro., 1224 F st.— Advertisement.

## An Old Offender.

William Smith, an old colored individual of the plantation type, was before Judge Miller today in the Police Court, charged with the larceny of several cucumbers from a dealer in the Center market. Smith was instantly recognized by the court as an old offender.

"You were here twice last summer for stealing watermelons," said his honor. "Now that you can't get hold of watermelons you steal the next thing-cucumbers. Smith, I'm going to send you to jail for thirty days, and if you are brought here again I'll see that you reach the penitentiary. This persistent theft on your part must stop."

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Taunton Silver Company's sales daily at 11 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m., at Walter B. Wil-

liams & Co.'s sales room, corner 10th and Pennsylvania avenue northwest. Christ-mas novelties just opened.—Advt. Sickness Explained.

When the case of John Clark, the South Washington saloonkeeper, charged with assault and intent to kill two men, named Lennox and Perron, was called today in the Police Court, his attorney asked for a postponement on the ground that Clark was confined to his bed by rheumatism and was unable to appear. Prosecuting Attorney Mullowney added that Clark's physician states that the man is in his bed in-toxicated and is liable to continue in that condition indefinitely.

"The only way to do in this case," re-marked Judge Miller, "is to send this man to some hospital or to jail, where he can be brought into shape to stand trial. If the

brought into shape to stand trial. If that is not done it is possible that the case may never be heard."

No disposition will be made of the matter until the physician referred to is consulted

Huyler's Chocolates and Bon Bons in those dainty, artistic boxes, make the most acceptable Xmas gifts for ladies. Or ders to be sent out of town should be left

# as early as possible to insure care in pack-ing. Huyler's, cor. 12th and F streets.—Adv.

Biological Society. The Biological Society of Washington has elected officers for the ensuing year as fol-lows: President, L. O. Howard; vice presidents, Richard Rathbun, C. D. Walcott, B. E. Fernow, F. V. Coville; recording secretary, Charles L. Pollard; corresponding secretary, F. A. Lucas; treasurer, F. H. Knowlton; councilors, W. H. Ashmead, C. W. Stiles, F. W. True, E. G. Griene, M. B.

Nicest of Xmas Gifts for Ladies are Velati's delicious caramels and bonbons. In dainty Xmas boxes. None in the world finer. Sent by mail or express anywhere. Main store, 620 9th st. Branch, 1408½ G st.

Beautiful and Ornamental Xmas Gifts. Palms, ferns and growing flowers. Big display at J. Louis Loose's, 12th and F. Special reduction in prices for Xmas.—Adv.

#### AMUSEMENTS.

Lafayette Square Opera House .- Once upon a time an author was struck with the idea that the story of Faust and Mephistopheles would make a highly moral and instructive stage performance. It would be hard to find a tale more impressive in its warnings against human vanities. He completed its manuscript and placed it in the ands of a manager. The manager assumed only to dictate the costumes; and the result was "The Black Crook." So much for the potency of the costumer and the helplessness of the poet. "The Black Crook" has many successors and the varia-tions from the original pattern are so great at times as to almost disguise the species; but the domination of calcium lights and lingerie is as complete in "Gay New York" as it was when the old-time author beheld his orthodox allegorical drama transformed by the whisk of a coryphee's ankle into a veluptuous dream and a delight for the worldly. In their latest annual review the worldly. In their latest annual review the only up-to-date material and characters for development of the airy melange in the comedians and dancers vie with one another for supremacy in the attention of the audience. It would be impossible to in-vite notice to each of the many clever peo-ple or to all of the striking specialties which twinkle iridiscently through the piece. It takes three or four pages of the program to give the cast of characters and a synopsis of the extravaganza. Perhaps the most artistic work of the production is done by Dave Warfield, whose Hebraic specialty is a masterpiece of character work, as well as a wholly laughable creation. He has evidently devoted serious study to delineating a type which, though not common, i easily recognizable and which responds ef-fectively to the touch of the caricaturist. Arthur V. Gibson gives a well-turned impersonation of a young farmer.' Lee Bar-rison is amusing as a picturesquely tough young man, and Walter Jones' tramp specialty is entertaining as of yore. Mr. Jones is quite versatile and exceedingly industricus. As the barnstorming actor he was very much in evidence, and not unpleasantly so. His imitation of Sousa was an audacious undertaking, for Mr. Sousa is "local laughable as a humorous effort and admir-

talent" in Washington, and the mimic who assumes to reproduce his familiar person-ality is face to face with a very rigid standard of popular criticism. Mr. Jones has been very successful in copying one or two of the famous bandmaster's tricks of gesture, and the suggestion of the familiar figure at the leader's post gave a zest to the familiar marghes which because forth the familiar marches which brought forth a rousing encore. Lucy Daly, blythe of countenance and agile of limb, was liked in all that she did. Her imitation of Yvette Guilbert called for a lavish share of the audience's applause. Wm E. Richie's trick bleyele riding, with a tramp make-up, was a laughable as a hymogroup of ortered and chair. laughable as a humorous effort and admirable as an exhibition of skill. Some original music by Mr. Kerker tinkles lightly through the piece, and the gentleman who has written the lyrics has provided some refreshingly sane rhymes. The credit for the stage pictures which are the essential attractions of the entertainment, belongs to Mr. George W. Ledere. To say that every Mr. George W. Lederer. To say that every member of the audience will be amused through every minute of the performance would be to announce a miracle. But he who finds nothing to divert him in the whiri of hilarity need look no further; a hermit's cell yawns for him. It is as breezy as a March morning and as parti-colored as a noussecret.

The National.-Whenever Mr. Charles Hoyt aims to write a play he misses it about a mile and hits something else about four times as funny. What he writes is quite past the pale of dramatic definition, but it gets there, in a financial sense, a good deal more than many more ambitious efforts. This time he introduces his audiences to "A Contented Woman," and there was a big audience at the National last right to see the lady. The bill says: "The play does not assume to be historically correct, but is rather a nicture of what is very rect, but is rather a picture of what is pos-sible," and the play is a very dramatic, not to say theatric, effort to show what kind of to say theatric, effort to show what kind of a time we would have if women went into practical politics, the scene being laid in Denver, where anything wild and woolly might be expected. The story is simple enough, being the setting aside of Mr. Benton Holme (W. H. Currie) in his race for mayor by his wife (Caroline Miskel Hoyt), and her election to the office with the and her election to the office, and the names of the people are good examples of the Hoyt nomenclature, among them being Benton Holme, Cutting Hintz, Miss Helena Wrangle, Miss Watson Chinn, Calliope Ayres, Rose Budd, Brighton Betts, a gam-Ayres, Rose Budd, Brighton Betts, a gambler; Phil Bowles, barkeeper; Boyle Dowle, prize fighter; Vandyke Beard, a butcher; E. Quinn Holder, a coachman; Dandy Trotter and Dodge Carr, messengers. The star part was, of course, taken by Mrs. Hoyt, and she made a most beautiful Grace Holme, and at the same time showed abilities as a natural actress which were as un-expected as they were pleasing. There are differences of opinion as to Mrs. Hoyt's acting, but for easy, natural manner she is delightful. She doesn't seem to be acting, and that is the greatest charm of an artist. She needs a shade more elasticity of carriage, so as not to fall into carelessness. She made a great hit on her appearance after the election, and the floral tributes she received from her own and her hus-band's friends were beautiful. The special-ties through the play, the singing and the dancing were enough to carry over the gaps in the play, as Mr. Hoyt does always, although some of them were not as good as usual. Mr. Lane's topical song, with its recognition of Cuban belligerency, was received with a great shout. However, speech can't tell what a Hoyt production is can't tell what a Hoyt production is-it re

quires the five senses and an extra one or two, if it happens to be handy. The Columbia Theater.-Mr. Neil Burgess was at work with his company and his machinists until long after midnight get-ting the mechanical appliances which are to be used in "Odd Miss Podd" in thorough working order and putting the finishing touches to what is expected to be an effective presentation of what he hopes will

be his most successful play. It will be given tonight. The Academy.-A good house, which be-came a pleased audience before the cur-tain went down on the first act, greeted Eugenie Blair's revival of Mrs. Wood's fa-mous old drama of the emotions, "East Lynne," at the Academy of Music last light. The greeting was no less extended to the lady herself, who is a neighbor to us all in Washington, and a woman whose heauty would win for her had she no other beauty would win for her had she no other gifts. But she has, and as the jealous wife and the sorrowing and repentant woman she made a Lady Isabel and Madame Vine two powerful parts, appealing irresistibly to all the stronger human feel-ings. As Lady Isabel she was not only a beautiful woman, but a most womanly one, with all the contrasting emotions of a woman's nature depicted with a realism as artistic as it seemed natural. In the shadow which follows her erring and dark-ens her life she impressed her hearers not less strongly, and it may be truly said that if any came to scoff at the old-time play they certainly remained to praise.

Mr. Edwin Ferry as Sir Francis Levison was quite the villain, and Mr. Brownell as the wronged husband was rather too artificial. A good piece of work, and one that pleased the audience always was Mrs. pleased the audience always, was Mrs. Wren's (the star's mother) Cornelia Carlyle, while Miss Linda Downing's Barbara Hare was sweet and pretty. Miss Wells and Miss Lee as housemaids lacked in the essential quality of their business in leaving on the floor a large bunch of violets which Miss Blair inadvertently dround. which Miss Blair inadvertently dropped, but not as a part of the play. And here it may be said that almost the entire company got into that same room and not one picked up the big bunch of violets, though the women dragged their skirts over it and the men walked around it. And not by a great deal is this the only company of players who can't drop their playing long enough to correct so palpable a misplace-ment. The whole play went quite as well as if it had been a new one, and there were tears shed as plentiously as if the supply had never been touched by the sorrows of Mrs. Wood's heroine.

Grand Opera House.—An enthusiastic audience saw the opening presentation of "The Great Northwest" at the Grand Opera House last night. The piece was a spiendid portrayal of life as it is in the northwest, without the blood-curdling features often found in the western plays. Splendid mechanical effects add to the realism, and fun and pathos are both plentiful. The different scenes, beginning with the build-

lady being pretty and possessing more than the average share of ability. Miss Eliza-beth Holloway, as the adventuress, de-serves commendation for good acting in a serves commendation for good acting in thankless part. Jessie Bonstelle, as the heroine, won the hearts of the entire au-dience through artistic emotional acting, her ride on the windmill creating a perfect

storm of applause. Bijou Theater.—May Smith Robbins, in a breezy play entitled "Little Trixy," is the attraction at the Bijou this week, and Manager Whitesell deserves great credit in obtaining such a strong show for the patrons of his cozy theater. The play is one round of merriment, full of ludicrous situations and amazing tableaux. It was constructed to please, and its builder has proved himself a good mechanic, for every minute of the time it takes to tell the story is made up of laughs. There is just enough plot to maintain the interest, and the audience found itself in the very pleasing position of longing for the next act. The play was evidently constructed for Miss Robbins, for it gives her an excellent opportunity of displaying her versatility. And she does not lose a chance. In the characters of Little Trixy; Katrina, a German girl; an Irish Biddy and French maiden, she never fails to please. Each characters of a study of the player. Bijou Theater.-May Smith Robbins, in man giri; an Irish Biddy and French maid-en, she never fails to please. Each charac-ter is a study, and a true picture of the one she represents. Lorence Jansen and Maud Haslet, as the stage-struck girls, are pretty and clever, and Nat Franklin gave a finished musical specialty.

Kernan's Lyceum Theater.—Isham's Octoroons delighted a large audience at Kernan's last night, where this well-known aggregation is filling a week's engagement. The criticism of the entire show may be summed up in the statement that it is by far the best colored troupe before the public. far the best colored troupe before the public, and one cannot help being pleased with the efforts of the company. The show is strong individually and collectively, and the singindividually and collectively, and the singing is one of the features. Special mention should be made of the choruses, all of which are excellent, and show careful training. In "Thirty Minutes Around the Operas" Manager Isham has struck a popular attraction. It gives short acts from all of the latest operas, and brings out the two vocal stars, Madame Flower and Fred J. Piper. In the selection from "Il Trovatore" these two acquitted themselves creditably, and the chorus was excellent. The tore" these two acquitted themselves creditably, and the chorus was excellent. The Spanish ballet was a cleverly executed act, and the "Ensemble Gavotte" a taking creation. Shorty May, Ed. Furber and Tommy Carter were laughable in their specialties, and the opening act, "The Blackville Derby," was full of ginger.

The Bostonians.-The Bostonians will b at the National Theater New Year week, opening in that charming opera by D Koven and Smith, "Robin Hood." TWINING CITY.

### Citizens' Association Has Grown

Greatly Since Its Start. The Twining City Citizens' Association has already outgrown its present quarters, as was shown by the large attendance last evening, when every seat in the room was occupied and at least a half dozen people were compelled to stand during the proceedings. Relief was offered by the hall committee, however, when it reported that the new hall would be ready for occupancy by next Monday night, at which time all would be provided with seats.

President Bradbury called the meeting to order promptly at 7:30 o'clock and more order promptly at 7:30 o'clock and more than 50 per cent of the membership responded to their names. After reading and approval of the minutes the chairman of the school committee reported having sent a letter to the Commissioners in answer to a resolution of the association, asking them for an appropriation of \$14,000 for a school house and site and that a reply had been for an appropriation of \$14,000 for a school house and site, and that a reply had been received from Dr. Tindall saying the matter would have due attention. He also read a letter from E. C. Carpenter of Rome, N. a letter from E. C. Carpenter of Rome, N. Y., tendering a site at a very low figure. After adopting the report, there was a lorg discussion on the subject of street car facilities, and, on motion, it was decided to refer the same to the school committee, with instructions to push both bills at once. The bill that has the sanction of the association is Senate bill No. 2840, to incorporate the East Washington Heights Traction Railway Company. Said bill provides for a road running from 8th and East Capitol streets to Pennsylvania avenue, thence east on said avenue to and across the Eastern branch on a separate bridge, thence out said avenue extended to Branch avenue, thence to and on Bowen road to Garfield. thence to and on Bowen road to Garfield. the House District committee last Wednesday in the interest of the above bill.

The committee on membership reported having secured the following new members: Richard Smith, William Bowman, L. Rotherbild, John Skidmore, John Magnelle, Geregoria and State of the Skidmore, John Magnelle, Geregoria and Skidmore, John Magnelle, John John child, John Skidmore, John Mazullo Ge-T. French, John Appich, Leo Mazullo, John Plummer, F. H. Padgett, Martin Foley, Andrew Burgess, J. T. Campbell, H. Nye Worthington, Albert Ober and George Haas, jr., giving the association a total

membership of sixty-five. On motion of Mr. Burgess the hour of meeting was changed to 7 o'clock each Monday evening. After a long and full discussion it was decided to spend the en-

tire energy of the association in pushing street car and school house matters. After the secretary read receipts of the evening the meeting adjourned.

Thefts Reported. Merchants have not had much trouble this season keeping shoplifters and petty thieves from carrying away goods from their counters. The police have been on the alert and the detectives have been visiting the big stores regularly and looking over the crowds of shoppers. While this city is comparatively free from this class of thieves, the police of other cities are experithe merchants. It is true that many small articles disappear from the stores and the offenders are not troubled. Many times when persons are detected committing these petty thefts they are not arrested, but only made to give made to give a support of the stores and the stores are not troubled. The stores are not troubled to give made to give only made to give up their plunder. Yes-terday there was a case of pocket-picking committed in a crowded store on 7th street. Mrs. Lucille Livingston of 710 13th street was the victim. She had in her pocket book about \$4 in cash and a check on the Mor gantown, W. Va., bank for \$100.

The theft was reported to the police and the payment of the check has been stopped.

Two feather tips have been stolen from J. J. Fisher's store, No. 707 7th street, dur-Ing the past few days.
Dr. Buckingham, 1529 S street, reports the theft of a buckboard. The vehicle was taken from his premises early Monday morning. A clothesline thief visited the premises of Mrs. J. B. Patterson, 61 I street northwest,

and carried off a quantity of linen.

Last night Fowler bicycle, No. 8011, belonging to H. Oppenheimer, was stolen from in front of 925 F street northwest.

Later in the evening the wheel was abandoned

## Mechanic's Lien.

To enforce two mechanic's liens of \$713.44 each, John T. Campbell today filed a bill in equity against John C. Hurst and others. The liens were filed against lots 1, 2 and 3 block 21, of White Haven; and lots 28, 29 30 and 31 of Mr. Hurst's subdivision of lots 1, 2 and 3, block 2, of White Haven and Harlem. Attorney Bates Warren represents the complainant.

## Indictments Returned.

The grand jury returned the following indictments: George Pryor, alias Red George, housebreaking; Thomas Mason, assault with intent to kill; Charles Bell, do.; John Thomas, larceny; Lewis Holmes, do.; Ed-Thomas, larceny; Lewis Holmes, do.; Edward Jones, do.; Albert Madison, second offense of petit larceny; Frederick, alias Herbert, Smith, false pretenses; Reamer, alias Daniel F., alias Daniel R. L., Morgenthal, do.; Harry Phoenix, do.; Francis E., alias Frank, alias Barrel, Turner, murder of John Minor, November 16, 1896, by stab-

The Recent Barthquake in England. To the Editor of The Evening Star: Many persons were startled by the cable

news of the violent earthquake recently felt in Great Britain, and some may have different scenes, beginning with the building of the railroad and ending with the hero's sweetheart swinging around on a windmill to save her lover, are all of most intense interest. The company which presents "The Great Northwest" is exceptionally strong, and the cast is a long one, beginning with J. J. Dowling, who makes an ideal hero, and Sheridan Block, who gives an original creation of a stage scoundrel. The comedy work of the two firemen, Joseph Conyers and Charles Phillips, caught the house and created almost continuous laughter. J. H. Browne, Percy Plunkett and F. L. Power are all three conscientious actors, and added greatly to the success of the play. The southerthe work of Myra Davis was far above the average, the little felt in Great Britain, and some may have

CONFIDENCE GAME. Police Looking for Bogus Pool Room

Wire Tappers. Detectives Horne and Weedon investigat ed a case yesterday in which four young men known as "con. touts" induced a Washington man to bet \$500 on the races in a Baltimore pool room. The man lost his money and then he made complaint to the officers. Just how many more Washingtonians were swindled the police do not know, but they are satisfied that several others dropped money in this way. It appears, according to the investigation made by the detectives, that four young men came here about ten days ago and registered at the National Hotel as Laurence Summers, S. Weber and J. Tanner of New York and William M. H. McNutt of Chicago. About the hotel they were known as bookmakers, and their appearances indicated that they probably had wealth. Their game, as the police allege, was to get acquainted with some men who were willing to bet big money, and then by convincing them that they could tap the wires and get what the race track followers call a "sure thing" get them to bet their money.

These men had an expensive set of instruments, and with a Washingtonian they went out near Relay and made a connection. came here about ten days ago and register-

went out near Relay and made a connection with the telegraph wires. They had the necessary receiving blanks and a complete outfit. Their work was convincing, and yesterday the victim went over to a Baltimore pool room and dropped his \$500. Unfortunately for the alleged swindlers they had failed to pick a winner, and they were unable to convince the victim that they had made an honest mistake. He refused to bet any more money and returned went out near Relay and made a connec fused to bet any more money and returned home. When he had related his experience to the officers the latter visited the room in the hotel in which the alleged swindlers had been. Scraps of a letter found in the stove were put together and the officers were able to see that it had been written to "Dear Gene." and was signed "Mar-garet." In the letter the woman asked if he had found too many "knockers"

Washington to make money.

Just where the alleged confidence men expected to get their money the officers do not know, unless they expected a percentage of the winnings in event of picking a winner. It may be that the bookmakers pay the touts a percentage for getting large amounts in this way. These men are sup-posed to belong to a gang of men who op-erated in New York some weeks ago.

#### DAUGHTERS OF THE REVOLUTION. An Interesting Business and Social Meeting.

Continental Chapter, D. A. R., held a business and social meeting last night at the Elsmere, at which various reports were read and accepted, and an interesting program of literary and musical features rendered by the members and several of heir guesta.

Mr. Frank E. Anderson read a paper on afayette; Mrs.-Lacey Greene Leach of Culpeper, Va., sang an original solo; Mrs. Eleanor Beck, Miss Cannon and Mr. Wright Beck of Baltimore sang a trio from Rubinstein; Mrs. Patty Miller, Stocking, the daughter of Justice Miller, gave a witty recitation, entitled "An Address to the New Women by the New Man. The next meeting of the chapter will be

held Saturday evening at the residence of

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The Battalion Getting Down to Active Operations. The Naval Reserve Battalion of the National Guard of the District of Columbia last evening took possession of commodious new quarters over the boat house in the navy yard, assigned the organization through courtesy of the commandant of the yard. The roster of officers was filled and another stride forward taken in the

way of organization. The members assembled at Washington Hall, and the first business transacted was the enlistment of twenty new members, increasing the total to more than the century mark. Lieutenant Commander Haines then announced that the bills intro-duced into Congress, providing for the orduced into Congress, providing for the organization of the reserve, had been reported favorably by the committee and every indication pointed to a bright and successful future for the battalion.

Mr. Sidney Bieber, a well-known and popular young man of East Washington, was unanimously elected paymaster, with the rank of lieutenant. The appolarment of an apothecary was left to the medical officer of the battalion. Dr. Scott.

officer of the battallon, Dr. Scott.

At the conclusion of the brief busines session the crews were formed, and, headed by a drum corps, marched to the new quarters at the navy yard. The room has been supplied with incandescent electric lights, and last evening was taste-fully decorated with flags and evergreeus Addresses of a congratulatory nature were made by Commander Haines, Adjutant Hopkins and others, and preliminary steps were taken for the organization of sev-eral additional crews. A short drill was held and a social session followed. The reserve expects to be armed and equipped in the near future. The nex meeting will be held at the navy yard Jan uary 4, when it is the intention to com mence drills in earnest

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